

STORET Conference Call – October 20, 2005 12:00-1:00 PM Eastern Time

Introduction (Kristen Gunthardt)

- The minutes from all previous conference calls are available over the web: <http://www.epa.gov/storet/confcalls.html>
- The next scheduled call will be December 1, 2005 12:00-1:00 PM Eastern Time. Call in number is 866-299-3188 access code 202-566-1194
- Please email storet@epa.gov and let EPA know you have attended the call so that meeting rosters may be kept.
- If you have a special topic you'd like to lead for an upcoming call, please email Gunthardt.Kristen@epamail.epa.gov
- EPA would like to hear comments you have on the quality of these conference calls. Please send them to storet@epa.gov
- Please subscribe to the STORET automated listserver for announcements regarding conference calls: <http://www.epa.gov/storet/listserv.html>

Updates to STORET

- The remaining 2005 deadline dates for STORET Data Warehouse refresh are:

Deadline	On-line Date
October 26	November 7
November 23	December 5
December 28	January 9, 2006

This schedule will be similar to past refresh schedules (updates will be performed on the last Wednesday of every month). Due to the utilization and maintenance of two parallel data warehouses, no downtime was experienced this month during STORET Data Warehouse Refresh.

NOTE: Due to the use of two parallel instances, please remember to bookmark only static web pages such as the STORET Warehouse homepage (no queries!)

- STORET Data Warehouse v2.0.5 was released October 6, 2005. Major new features include:
 - **Batch Processing:** Real time retrievals of 60K – 300K records are available with immediate processing and retrievals of up to 600K records can be obtained with overnight processing. Please note that both batch processing options exceed the number of records able to be viewed in spreadsheet form (65K).
 - **National Projects:** Projects which have an occurrence in 3 or more Organizations are filtered as national projects. Therefore, a national project naming convention has been agreed upon which allows national projects to be queried by common project purpose (i.e., "EPABEACH"- beaches program data).
 - **Generated HUCs based on latitude and longitude:** Generated HUCs will be added using spatial data, however EPA will not change any HUC information currently existing in the Data Warehouse. Generated HUCs are still in the process of being implemented.
- STORET Report Module v2.0.6 was released in September. Major new features include:
 - The addition of new file export options which mimic the default options in STORET Warehouse. These options may be found under the Web default options. This will allow users to query their most recent data locally and merge that data with other data in the warehouse.

- A Quality Control reports section is present in Report Module v2.0.6, however only one report has been included in this version. Please email the STORET team if you have any suggestions for new Quality Control reports that might be helpful.
- STORET Characteristics names are currently in the process of being matched to EPA Substance Registry System (SRS) to develop a consistency between STORET and EPA SRS. During this process, STORET characteristics names will be retired and EPA SRS names will be implemented instead. A listing of retired names can be viewed by searching the Characteristics Selection list under Retired Names. Additional discussion on matching EPA Substance Registry System and STORET Characteristics names will be available during the next STORET conference call.

Open Q/A and Comment Period

1. What is the name of the table containing retired names? (CO)
 - The retired names are part of the Characteristics Alias table in STORET.
2. Will Generated HUCs overwrite previously entered HUCs or only fill in null? (ID)
 - Generated HUCs will only fill in null fields.
3. A local STORET workstation has recently been upgraded to run Oracle 9i. The data entry module works fine, but we are having problems with SIM. Is SIM incompatible with Oracle 9i? (MD)
 - The Import Results procedure is incompatible with 9i. A flat text file is available on the STORET ftp site to correct this problem. Please contact the STORET team for additional information.
4. Should EPA decide to move to an Oracle 9i base, will you still support an Oracle 8 base as well? (Region 3)
 - STORET was deployed on Oracle 8, and there is currently no anticipated move to Oracle 9. Regardless, client STORET should run on any Oracle platform.

National Monitoring Conference

- The National Monitoring Conference is being held May 7-11, 2006 in San Jose, CA. Please see the website <http://www.tetrattech-ffx.com/nwqmc06/> for more details.